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## LOCAL MENTION

Misses Eva Overson and Alma Hamblin are home from Flagstaff where they have been attending summer school for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Love of the St. Johns State Bank who have been visiting friends and relatives in Fort Worth, Texas returned home Tuesday evening. They report a splendid trip and visit.

Dr. T. J. Bouldin will address the parents class at the Academy next Sunday morning on the subject of the "Adolescent Boy." There are few subjects more important to parents. Everybody is invited and urged to come.

Bee trees are said to be quite common in and about Nutrioso. Last year C. H. Sharp and family found 13 of them and about 25 were found there in all. A number of the town people have secured stands of bees from this source.

James Shreeve has received a letter from his brother Leo, who is in the First Arizona Infantry, saying that he has been promoted from the rank and file to the office of corporal. His many friends here are glad to learn of his promotion and hope that he will continue to advance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rothlisberger of Vernon were in the city Monday and Tuesday visiting relatives and doing some shopping, etc. They returned to Vernon Tuesday. They report crops doing fine and that a rich harvest is expected in grain, potatoes, beans etc.

The alfalfa worm is doing us quite a bit of damage, and is especially hard on alfalfa patches that were recently cut as they will not allow it to come through the ground again. They have nearly eaten some smaller gardens up, and are doing especial damage to cabbages, and are eating many other kinds of garden vegetables. It is believed that the soaking rain of yesterday will destroy many of them.

The St. Johns Academy will open on the third of September with Howard N. Blazzard A. B. as principal, H. Roy Slack of Provo, Althea Gregerson of St. George and J. Alfred Anderson as his assistants and Judge Geo. H. Crosby Jr. as special teacher of business law. The new principal is almost a home product, having been born at Luna Valley in this stake. He is a graduate of the Gila Academy at Thatcher and of the Brigham Young University at Provo, and is recommended as one of the most talented and hard-working young men representing as he does that excellent type of independent progressiveness of a self-made-man. He has created a favorable impression here and we predict a good year under his leadership.

**WANTED AGENTS**—To sell LOUISIANA-ARIZONA COPPER MINING STOCK best buy in the "WARREN MINING DISTRICT"—Today, references required, address R. A. Clampitt, Bisbee, Arizona.

## CORNER STONE LAID.

The Masonic order laid the cornerstone of our new Apache county court house last Saturday afternoon, with usual ritual and formalities of that order. The ritual was excellent and carried out well, with Judge Sidney Sapp of Holbrook officiating.

Under the cornerstone a copper box, soldered air tight was deposited. It contained lists and various historical documents of the Masonic order and a copy of the St. Johns Herald, the Observer, photographs of some ten different places in St. Johns and at the Lyman dam, a manuscript historical sketch of Apache county from 1863 to the present prepared by Judge Crosby with a list of its most prominent citizens and county officials, with signatures of the county officials and 30 of the county's leading citizens, the historical sketch of the St. Johns Stake read at the recent home coming, an Arizona blue book and a State educational directory, silver coins of recent mintage all denominations and the latest pattern, statements of the county's two banks, letterheads, etc. The stone was laid at the northeast corner of the building and contained the names of the board of supervisors and the fraternity that laid it.

The local band furnished music for the occasion and marched with the fraternity from main street up to the court house. A goodly number of the county's citizens were here from Springerville, Concho and various places on the railroad. Among the visitors and visiting masons we noted Editor G. M. Braxton of the Holbrook News, J. C. Paulsell, Lloyd C. Henning, W. B. Woods, L. D. Divelbess, George W. Hennessy, Will Scorce, Mrs. John Flannigan of Holbrook, E. A. Henning of Pinta, J. W. Becker, Bert Colter Guy Rencher of Springerville.

The summer jury session of the superior court meets next Tuesday, and 40 jurors have been drawn to attend. The two felony cases to be tried are against Luis Sandoval for an assault with a deadly weapon and Alvin J. Beasley for grand larceny. Two civil jury cases of the Navajo-Apache Bank & Trust Co. vs. Verner G. Plumb and Sarah A. Wiltbank vs. C. E. Wiltbank. In addition there are four bootlegging cases against Guy Dunning, John McCullough, Ambrosio Armijo and Tony Chavez. Judge Perkins will be here from Flagstaff to try some cases in which Judge Crosby is disqualified.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Apache County Teachers Institute will be held in St. Johns Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Sept. 4th, 5th and 6th, 1917. Two sessions each day.

Dr. H. H. Foster head of the department of education, University of Arizona, will lecture and give instructions during the session. All teachers are required to be present. The clerks of boards of school trustees of the different districts will meet Tuesday evening. All district schools should begin their session Monday, Sept. 10. J. W. BROWN, County School Superintendent

## SELECTIVE DRAFT NOTICE.

It is the duty of any and every citizen in the county to make complaint to the County Attorney, (who is now a representative of the government) when any one is exempted by the local board who is thought shouldn't have been exempted.

The government has provided ways and means for doing all justice and any information anyone can give County Attorney Gibbons will be appreciated by the selective board, so anyone who is not satisfied with rulings, please proceed in proper way to right any wrong done.

E. W. Grimes, Chairman  
Anella S. Lytle, Sec'y  
Selective Draft Board.

Tuesday night the Holbrook Auto Transfer made a trip to St. Johns with 3000 pounds of watermelons. W. G. Clemons, proprietor of the transfer company, drove the truck and delivered the melons without injuring one. This is the second trip within the last two weeks Mr. Clemmons has made to St. Johns with melons, and the first was as fortunate as the last.—Holbrook News.

State Senator Isaac Barth of Albuquerque was in Holbrook last Saturday looking after a suit in superior court. Senator Barth is known as the "bean king" of New Mexico, owning a farm of 700 acres planted to beans. He expects to realize a neat sum of money from the crop when harvested.—Holbrook News.

## LOTS FOR SALE.

In Greer, Arizona, on Section 11, T. 7 N. of R. 27 E. Size of Lots, 10x10 rods; contain some timber and pure Mountain Springs; beautifully located; Soil black and very fertile, producing garden vegetables to perfection; Region around abounds in wild game, and trout fishing in season cannot be surpassed.

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## State Tax Rate.

A tax rate of 53½ cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation was fixed by the state tax commission last Friday. This rate is an increase of 33¼ per cent over the rate for 1916.

The total valuation of all properties in the state as fixed by the state board of equalization is \$697,526,619.68, a net increase of \$11,290,038 over the figures originally compiled by counties. The increase over 1916 totals more than \$300,000,000. A majority of this increased assessment is on mining properties, both producing and non-producing. Irrigated lands or those subject thereto in Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Mohave and Navajo counties were increased 5 per cent for a total of \$1,254,701.

Mrs. E. W. Grimes and sons, Cecil and Ray, who have been in Colorado visiting relatives for the past few weeks are at home again.

Tom Baca of Springerville is at the county seat.

## AMERICA'S CAUSE

### FOR WAR.

"The military masters of Germany denied us the right to be neutral. They filled our communities with vicious spies and conspirators. They sought to corrupt our citizens. \* \* \* They sought by violence to destroy our industries and arrest our commerce. They tried to incite Mexico to take up arms against us and to draw Japan into hostile alliance with her. They impudently denied us the use of the high seas and repeatedly executed their threat that they would send to their death any of our people who ventured to approach the coasts of Europe. \* \* \*"

"This flag under which we serve would have been dishonored had we withheld our hand."—Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

## Bandit Salazar Killed by Guards

Juarez, Mex. Aug. 13.—Jose Ynez Salazar, a revolutionary man and former chief of staff to Francisco Villa, was shot and killed at the Nogales ranch, a short distance from Ascencion, Thursday. Americans arriving here today from Casas Grande brought the details of Salazar's death at the hands of a small band of home guards who were organized to protect the Casas Grande-Ascencion district.

According to the version told the Americans at Casas Grande three of Salazar's armed followers left his camp and went to the Nogales ranch, a short distance away. When they appeared there the home guards employed on the ranch, thinking they were attempting a raid opened fire upon them from the ranch killing all three.

When they failed to return to camp Salazar went to the ranch alone to investigate. As he rode through the gate he was fired upon by the home guards concealed in the ranch house. He was struck a number of times in the body and died instantly. The body was later recovered by friends and will be brought to Juarez on the first train for burial. Salazar's family has been living here since he joined Villa.—Arizona Gazette.

Heard a high school girl say the other day she would be glad when school opens. That's the highest compliment a school can receive.

## ARIZONA'S UNFAIR DRAFT QUOTA.

To the average person affected by the draft it would appear that Arizona's members of the United States senate and congress, were asleep on the job when Arizona's population was estimated arbitrarily at 409,303 as against 352,393 population for New Mexico. These figures included all aliens in both states. Just why Arizona's population was increased arbitrarily about 150,000 and New Mexico decreased 64,574 is not known at present.

The basis of each states' quota was made on these figures. The first census estimate of Arizona's population made by the government was 264,000 not including odd hundreds. It seemed about fair and no objection was made. Later, however, the figures were changed to the 409,203 basis for Arizona. On this basis Arizona was required to furnish a gross total of 4,747 men as against New Mexico's 2,800 odd.

Advises have been received that Arizona's representatives will now attempt to have this matter adjusted by congressional act. In the meantime it remains to be seen whether they can rectify the wrong. Arizona's patriotism can be estimated without question on her American population; she will furnish her quota without a murmur but can see no virtue in furnishing her unjust proportion because of other more favored states.

It may or may not be because Arizona elected a republican, governor, in any event Governor Campbell has entered a vigorous protest to members of congress and it is squarely up to them.—Coconino Sun.

## German War Booty

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 13.—According to the Taelische Rundschau of Berlin, the booty captured by the Germans up to July 26 includes 12,156 cannon, 1,655,000 rifles, 8,352 machine guns; 2,298 airplanes, 186 balloons, and three airships.

Not more laws, or less laws, but a just and impartial living up to those we already have; their proper interpretation; more justice.—Ex.

H. J. Knight and wife of Hunt are in the city today.

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